

Renewing Our Focus

Department of Children and Family Services





Louisiana Department of Children & Family Services

Mission

DCFS works to keep children safe, help individuals and families become self-sufficient and provide safe refuge during disasters.

Child-Serving Programs

- ❖ Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
 - ❖ 363,504 households
- ❖ Child Support Enforcement
 - ❖ 293,918 cases; more than 311,000 children
- ❖ Child Welfare
 - ❖ 4,747 valid abuse/neglect cases



SNAP

❖ **Measure: Increase Participation by Eligible Families**

❖ **Outcome: Assist Families in Providing Nutritious Food for Children**

SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

LOUISIANA SNAP PARTICIPATION RATE

Fiscal Year	Reciency Rate	Average Household Participation	Percent Change HH	Average Recipients	Percent Change Recipients
2011	86.40%	363,504	11%	842,188	8%
2010	81.70%	327,974	18%	779,225	16%
2009	69.60%	278,973	7%	671,392	6%



Child Support

❖ **Measure: Increase Child Support Collections**

❖ **Outcome: More Financially Stable Families & Children**

INCREASED CHILD SUPPORT COLLECTIONS

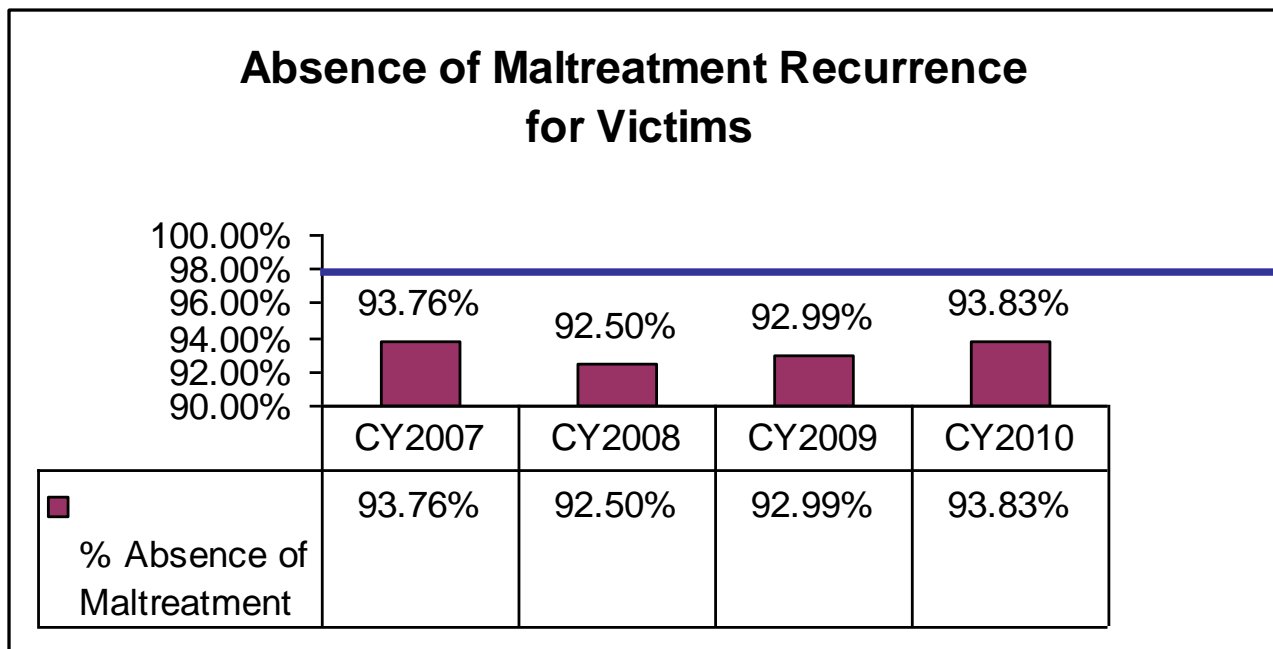
Fiscal Year	Total Collections in Dollars	Percent Increase over Prior Year
2011	\$385.8 million	5.59%
2010	\$365.3 million	3.20%
2009	\$354 million	2.28%



Child Welfare

❖ **Measure: Reduction in Repeat Child Maltreatment**

❖ **Outcome: Safer Children**



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Department of Health and Hospitals



Bruce D. Greenstein
Secretary

Measure

Low Birth Weight Babies

- ❖ What is this measure?
 - ❖ This measure represents the amount of low birth weight babies born in Louisiana.
- ❖ Why did we choose this measure?
 - ❖ Low-birth weight babies are more likely to have health problems during the newborn period. Many of these babies require specialized care in a newborn intensive care unit (NICU). Serious medical problems are most common in babies born at very low birth weight.



Monitor

Low Birth Weight Babies

Where does this data come from and what are our goals?

Source of current data: Vital Statistics Registry

Source of national data: National Vital Statistics System

Goal: Our goal is to lower the percent of low birth weight babies born in Louisiana to 7.8%



Monitor

Low Birth Weight Babies

Target improvement:

Current Rate	National Rate	Target	Current Time	Frequency
10.8%	8.2%	7.8%	2010	Quarterly



Manage

Low Birth Weight Babies

Current initiatives to move this dial:

❖ Louisiana Birth Outcomes Initiative

- Create a culture of continuous quality improvement and safety in Louisiana's birthing hospitals
- Improve birth outcomes and reduce Medicaid costs by fostering a population of healthier Louisiana women
- Assess and improve the behavioral health of Louisiana's pregnant women
- Increase Department of Health and Hospitals data capacity and performance measurement of maternity care



Measure

Childhood Obesity

- ❖ What is this measure?
 - ❖ This measure represents the amount of WIC children between the age of 2-5 that are considered Obese.
- ❖ Why did we choose this measure?
 - ❖ Childhood obesity is a serious medical condition that affects children and adolescents and often start children on the path to health problems that were once confined to adults, such as diabetes, high blood pressure and high cholesterol.
 - ❖ Childhood obesity can also lead to poor self-esteem and depression.



Monitor

Childhood Obesity

Where does this data come from and what are our goals?

Source of Current Data: Public Health Automated Management Enabler (PHAME)

Source of National Data: Pediatric Nutrition Surveillance System (PedNSS)

Goal: Our goal is to lower the percent of children who are obese in the state of Louisiana to 9.6%



Monitor

Childhood Obesity

Target improvement:

Current Rate	National Rate	Target	Current Time	Frequency
18.1%	10.7%	9.6%	2010	Quarterly



Manage

Childhood Obesity

Current initiatives to move this dial:

❖ BAYOU HEALTH

- Weight assessment and counseling for nutrition and physical activity in children/adolescents through Medicaid's new coordinated care network.
- 62% of Louisiana children were enrolled in Medicaid during the last state fiscal year.



Measure

Vaccinations

- ❖ What is this measure?
 - ❖ This measure represents the percent of kids between 19 months and 17 years of age who are vaccinated according to the state schedule.
- ❖ Why did we choose this measure?
 - Immunizations help protect infants, children, and adults against many infections that used to be much more common.
 - Examples include tetanus, diphtheria, mumps, measles, pertussis (whooping cough), meningitis, and polio.
 - Newer immunizations protect children and adults against other types of meningitis, pneumonia, and ear infections.
 - Many of these infections can cause serious or life-threatening illnesses, and may lead to lifelong disabilities. Because of immunizations, all of these illnesses are now rare.



Monitor

Vaccinations

Where does this data come from and what are our goals?

Source of Current Data: Louisiana Immunization Network for Kids Statewide (LINKS), National Immunizations Survey (NIS Survey)

Source of National Data: National Immunizations Survey (NIS Survey)

Goal: Our goal is to increase the percent of 19-35 month and 13-17 year immunizations to 90%.



Monitor

Vaccinations

Target improvement:

Vaccination	Current Rate	National Rate	Target	Current Time	Frequency
19-35 Months: DTaP	84.1%	84.6%	90%	2010	Quarterly
19-35 Months: MMR	94.4%	92.1%	90%	2010	Quarterly
13-17 Years: TdaP	69.3%	68.7%	90%	2010	Quarterly
13-17 Years: Quadrivalent Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccine	78.6%	62.7%	90%	2010	Quarterly



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Vaccinations

Current initiatives to move this dial:

❖ Vaccines For Children Program

- Through the VFC program, public purchased vaccine is available at no charge to enrolled public and private health care providers for eligible children.
- Children through 18 years of age that meet at least one of the following criteria are eligible for VFC: Medicaid Eligible, Uninsured, American Indian or Alaskan Native - as defined by the Indian Health Services Act.
- Underinsured children are eligible to receive vaccine only if they are served by a Federally Qualified Health Center, Rural Health Clinic or Office of Public Health, Parish Health Unit and 317 or state funding is available. (Underinsured – a child whose health insurance benefit plan does not include vaccinations.)



Measure

Childhood Asthma

- ❖ What is this measure?
 - ❖ This measure represents the percent of kids age 2-17 who are hospitalized for asthma.
- ❖ Why did we choose this measure?
 - Childhood asthma isn't a different disease than asthma in adults, but children do face unique challenges.
 - Asthma in children is a leading cause of emergency department visits, hospitalizations and missed school days. Unfortunately, childhood asthma can't be cured and symptoms may continue into adulthood.



Monitor

Childhood Asthma

Where does this data come from and what are our goals?

Source of Current Data: Louisiana Hospital Inpatient Discharge Database (LAHIDD)

Goal: Our goal is to lower the percent of asthma hospitalizations per every 100,000 population.



Monitor

Childhood Asthma

Numbers below based on hospital admissions per 100,000 population, ages 2-17

Current Rate	National Rate	Target	Current Time	Frequency
145.3	233.2	Decrease	2009	Yearly



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Childhood Asthma

Current initiatives to move this dial:

❖ Asthma Friendly Schools Initiative

- DHH seeks to educate school personnel on how to recognize the signs and symptoms of asthma, which will improve school attendance and keep students in classrooms, where they can learn.
- DHH's Asthma Management and Prevention Program implemented the Asthma Friendly Schools Initiative in four Louisiana regions - New Orleans area, Capital area, and the Northwest and Northeast.



Renewing Our Focus

Office of Juvenile Justice



Measure

One-year recidivism rate

- ❖ What Does This Measure?
 - ❖ OJJ defines a recidivist as a youth who is discharged from juvenile justice custody and later placed back into the care of juvenile justice as a result of a subsequent adjudication or placed into custody with the Adult Corrections System.
- ❖ Why Did We Choose This Measure?
 - ❖ Although there are numerous contributing factors that may influence a juvenile to re-offend, the recidivism rate is one of the primary tools used in measuring the success of programs within the juvenile justice system.



Measure

Average length of stay in custody non-secure, out- of- home placements

- ❖ What Does This Measure?
 - ❖ OJJ is working to shorten the length of stay of OJJ youth in out-of-home, non-secure placements (residential group homes).
- ❖ Why Did We Choose This Measure?
 - ❖ Intensive, targeted treatment of these youth and then return to their families is a better strategy than long term placements and the disconnection to families and communities that occur when youth are placed out of their home for long periods of time.



Measure

Number of adjudicated FINS youth under OJJ supervision or custody

- ❖ What Does This Measure?
 - ❖ A status offense is conduct that would not be a crime if committed by an adult, but when committed by a youth is grounds for FINS adjudication in court. FINS stands for Families in Need of Services. Examples of FINS offenses are truancy, ungovernable, and runaway behavior.
- ❖ Why Did We Choose This Measure?
 - ❖ Current stakeholder focus on reforming the FINS system. It is often seen as a pipeline into the juvenile justice system.



Monitor

Where Does This Data Come From And What Are Our Goals?

Source of Current Data: Office of Juvenile Justice

Source of National Data: There are no national juvenile justice data available.

- ❖ Each state defines their population differently, making recidivism rates impossible to compare.
- ❖ Each state has different out-of-home resources available, if any.
- ❖ Not all states have FINS-type status offenses, and no two states define FINS uniformly.



Monitor

OJJ total, one-year recidivism

Target Improvement: OJJ aims to decrease recidivism rates.

Current Rate	Target	Current Time	Frequency
13.10%	decrease	2009-2010 cohort	Annual



Monitor

Average length of stay in non-secure, out-of-home placements

Target Improvement: OJJ aims to decrease the length of time youth are out of their homes and detached from their families.

Current Rate	Target	Current Time	Frequency
217 days	Reduced length of stay by 5%	2010 data	Annual



Monitor

Number of adjudicated FINS youth under OJJ supervision / custody

Target Improvement: A decrease in the number of FINS youth involved with the OJJ system signifies improvements of other system's indicators.

Current Rate	Target	Current Time	Frequency
942 FINS youth served by OJJ	decrease	2010	Annual



Manage

OJJ total one-year recidivism

Current Initiatives to Move This Dial:

- ❖ Structured Assessment for Violence Risk in Youth (SAVRY)
 - ❖ instrument which identifies targeted need areas that are incorporated into the youth's treatment plan
- ❖ Service Coordination
 - ❖ allowed for consistency and individual management and oversight of the youth's cases
- ❖ LaMOD
 - ❖ full implementation of the therapeutic model in out-of-home placements



Manage

Average length of stay in non-secure, out-of-home placements

Current Initiatives to Move This Dial:

- ❖ Louisiana Behavioral Health Partnership and the Coordinated System of Care
 - ❖ Will offer residential evidence-based treatment programs with intensive, targeted treatment – triage – and return them to their communities with wrap-around services to keep youth successfully in their homes.



Manage

Number of adjudicated FINS youth under OJJ supervision / custody

Current Initiatives to Move This Dial:

- ❖ FINS commission
 - ❖ Commission and stakeholders charged with research and recommendations to reform the FINS system
- ❖ Louisiana Behavioral Health Partnership and the Coordinated System of Care
 - ❖ Will offer evidence-based treatment programs to youth with mental or behavioral health issues. Youth are eligible for the LBHP and CSoC prior to entering the care of a “system”
- ❖ Models for Change
 - ❖ Issued FINS-related grants to establish local models throughout the state



Renewing Our Focus

Louisiana Department of Education



Measure: Goal 1

Students arrive in kindergarten ready to learn

What Does This Measure?

- ❖ Acquisition of pre-requisite skills students need to achieve mastery of kindergarten standards

Why Did We Choose This Measure?

- ❖ Substantial research base supporting the long term impact of high quality early childhood experience



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Where Does This Data Come From?

Source of Current Data:

Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills
(DIBELS)

Source of National Data:

No national rate available



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Target Improvement: Goal initially set based on 2008 performance of 39%- target was selected to drastically improve outcomes

Current Rate	National Rate	Immediate Target -2012	Current Time	Frequency
52%	Not Available	50% **	2011-2012	Annual

** immediate target was exceeded this school year, revisions pending



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Current Initiatives to Move This Dial:

Improve instructional quality - Program

- ❖ Improve literacy and math instruction via data driven technical assistance to LA4 classrooms

Align inter-agency efforts -Partnership

- ❖ Collaborate with other early childcare agencies to enhance quality of care and education

Inform and invest - Outreach

- ❖ Raise public awareness about developmental milestones



Measure: Goal 2

Students are literate by third grade

What Does This Measure?

- ❖ Proficiency in English Language Arts Skills – including reading outcomes

Why Did We Choose This Measure?

- ❖ Reading outcomes by third grade are highly predictive of future success



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Where Does This Data Come From?

Source of Current Data:
integrated Louisiana Educational Assessment Program
(iLEAP)

Source of National Data:
No national rate available



Monitor

Target Improvement: Goal initially set to double historic rate of growth, from 1% to 2% per year, for three years

Current Rate	National Rate	Immediate Target -2012	Current Time	Frequency
69%	Not Available	72%	2010-2011	Annual



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Current Initiatives to Move This Dial:

Improve instructional quality - Programs

- ❖ Ensuring Literacy for All, System for Student and Teacher Advancement, Response to Intervention

Improve Human Capital Practices - Programs

- ❖ Educator Pipeline, Louisiana Statewide Staffing Initiative

Inform and invest - Outreach

- ❖ Educational awareness and support for ensuring long-term success via on-time and on-level arrival in 4th grade



Measure: Goal 3

Students graduate on-time

What Does This Measure?

- ❖ Students earning a diploma with 4 years of starting high school

Why Did We Choose This Measure?

- ❖ Provide the foundational skills students need to advance into post-secondary or the work force



Monitor

Where Does This Data Come From?

Source of Current Data:

Cohort Graduation Rate

(National Governor's Association Definition)

Source of National Data:

National Center on Educational Statistics



Monitor

Target Improvement: Goal was legislatively set

Current Rate	National Rate (2008)	Immediate Target -2014	Current Time	Frequency
70.9%	74.9%	80%	2010-2011	Annual



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Current Initiatives to Move This Dial:

Improve the quality of HS education

- ❖ Improve HS programs: CTE, virtual courses, AP, IBC, Dual Enrollment

Improve student supports- Programs

- ❖ Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG), Freshmen Academies, Accelerated Student Achievement Pathway (ASAP)

Improve Human Capital Practices

- ❖ Educator Pipeline, Louisiana Statewide Staffing Initiative – Programs

Inform and invest - Outreach

- ❖ Disseminate school-level performance data to administrators, parents, and other stakeholder audiences



Renewing Our Focus

Children's Cabinet



Children's Cabinet

State Agency within the Office of the Governor

Membership

- ❖ Heads of State Agencies
- ❖ Juvenile and Family Court Judge
- ❖ BESE
- ❖ State Representative
- ❖ State Senator
- ❖ Children's Cabinet Advisory Board



Purpose

Facilitate and require coordination of policy, planning, and budgeting

- ❖ Framework for decision making
- ❖ Monitor indicators of child well-being
- ❖ Children's budget

Monitor

How will the Children's Cabinet monitor these indicators?

- ❖ Maintain the Louisiana Kids Dashboard
- ❖ Monitor progress towards goals
- ❖ Indicators form basis of policy and planning decisions over the next 4 years



Manage

Quarterly status reports to the Children's Cabinet and Dashboard

Semi-annual review of indicators to assess implications for policy and planning

Children's Budget recommendations

Annual report submitted to legislators, stakeholders, and other interested parties

